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Military child care ranked number one

FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, MD., -- Fort Meade child development centers are among the many child care programs in the Department of Defense that ranked number one in the U.S. with the best child care standards and best oversight practices, according to a report released today.

A survey put out by the National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (NACCRRA) reviewed the regulations and policies of the department, all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The department was the only entity to appear on both top 10 lists for standards and oversight.

To rank the programs, NACCRRA scored based on standards such as educational qualifications, pre-service and annual training requirements, developmentally appropriate programs, health and safety, parental involvement and access, licensing and communication.

The installation currently operates three child development centers which services active-duty military and Department of Defense civilians. These centers offer child care for children six weeks of age to five years old and also have part-day preschool available for those between the ages of three and four.

An opportunity to visit, photograph staff and children and interview caregivers is available tomorrow morning. Interested media should be at the visitor control center at the intersection of MD Route 175 and Reece Road at 9:15 a.m.

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